



FOOD SERVICE FLASH!

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Attention: Supply Officer/Food Service Officer

Purpose: To provide a reminder on the guidance concerning the security and defense of military subsistence.

Discussion: All subsistence products should be purchased from an approved source of supply, as stated in NAVSUP Instruction 4355.4H and 4355.10; USAEUR Circular 40-657; and VETCOM Circular 40-1 Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement. In today's global conflict, Food Safety and Food Defense mean protection from intentional criminal actions as well as traditional public health concerns.

Food service experts are the first line of defense in ensuring the safety of food products served to the U.S. military. When receiving products from prime vendors or husbanding agents, military personnel must provide a high level of surveillance to ensure the product is safe for consumption. The following guidelines apply:

- Purchase products only from an approved source.
- Become familiar with delivery organizations and personnel... request proper identification if unfamiliar.
- Refer all unfamiliar brands or boxes not properly marked to the U.S. Army Veterinary Inspectors for further review.
- Any products that appear to be adulterated or tampered with should be segregated and placed on hold for further veterinary review. All cases must be reported.

Food safety procedures, as directed in the NAVSUP P-486, should be reviewed to ensure subsistence is safely stored upon receipt. Storage spaces should be adequately secured and monitored, with access to food supplies limited to appropriate personnel only. Any indication of food borne illness should be immediately reported to the U.S. Army Veterinary Service as well as your local Navy Preventive Medicine Officer.

The above procedures apply to the normal Subsistence Prime Vendor deliveries. Any subsistence procured via Husbanding Agents in foreign ports requires an increased level of security awareness. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Readiness Team Lead at: DSN 430-7583 COM 717-605-7583.

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